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Producer		FSA		NRCS
Producer applies on CCC-1200 and submit to NRCS, FSA, conservation district, or other cooperating agency. <i>Ref.</i> 515.81(g) & (h)	(1)	Date stamp and ensure completion of application. <i>Ref.</i> 515.82(c)	(1)	Determine land eligibility. Ref. 515.62
		Determine producer eligibility. <i>Ref.</i> 515.61		Screen applications, if authorized. <i>Ref.</i> 515.83 (d)
Application is taken or forwarded to FSA by cooperating agency. <i>Ref.</i> 515.82(b)		Make person determination. <i>Ref.</i> 515.118 (f) & Handbook 1-PL.		Evaluate applications. Ref. 515.83- 515.88
		Initiate AD-1026. Ref. 515.118 (d) & (e)		
		Establish farm records, if needed. Ref. 515.118 (c)		
		Enter data into the System-36. Ref. Handbook 2-CONSV		
		Forward CCC-1200's Referred for Ranking Report(s) listing applications by priority area or significant statewide natural resource concern to NRCS. <i>Ref.</i> 515.82(f)		\
Producer reviews application evaluation results and may choose to improve offer, including payment rate or level.	•			Notifies applicant of offer index on CCC-1201. <i>Ref.</i> 515.85 (c)
Sign CCC-1201 and return to NRCS. <i>Ref.</i> 515.85(c)			-	State Conservationist makes funding decisions, with State FSA Committee concurrence. [Note: This may have occurred previously.] <i>Ref.</i> 515.75 (d)
		STO allocates funds to FSA service center office. <i>Ref.</i> 515.82(h)	0	Compile final Application Ranking Report, containing the scored offer indices for
		COC selects applications for contract development based on the ranking of applications and available funds. <i>Ref.</i> 515.82(h)		applications, and send to FSA. Ref. 515.82(g)
		COC notifies NRCS of applications selected for conservation plan (CP) development on CCC-1200"s Selected for Plan Development Report. <i>Ref.</i> 515.82(h)		
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	COC defers applications not selected for CP development and notifies applicant of choices for future consideration of deferred application. <i>Ref.</i> 515.82 (1) COC disapproves ineligible applications. <i>Ref.</i> 515.82 (m) COC notifies applicant of status of application (whether selected for CP development, deferred, or disapproved).	(\$)	Assist applicant with CP development. <i>Ref.</i> 515.90 (b)
Applicant approves and signs CP and submits to NRCS. <i>Ref.</i> 515.90 (c) & 515.93 (c)	Ref. 515.82 (h)		
		-	Determine acceptability of and signs CP. <i>Ref.</i> 515.93 (c)
	COC reviews application, CP, and Contract Support Document (or equivalent information). Prepare and approve contracts. <i>Ref.</i> 515.82 (k) & 515.111 (a) & (c) Notify applicant of approval of contract, or disapproval or deferment of application. <i>Ref.</i> 515.82(k)	(1)	Prepare Contract Support Document, or equivalent information. <i>Ref.</i> 515.91 (g) Send to FSA a copy of CP, and Contract Support Document or equivalent info. <i>Ref.</i> 515.82(i)
Accepts final contract. Ref. 515.111 (c)	4		
Producer begins work according to EQIP contract.			